



AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION 2020 VISION

Year in Review

For the Auburn Aviation Association, 2019 has been a year of significant evolution. The biggest change involves how we plan to fund the flying scholarships that we have been awarding for years. In a very big leap of faith, our Board of Directors made the decision to partner with the Placer Community Foundation in establishing and providing initial funding of an endowment. In the past, it's been a big on-going task to come up with the dollars to fund each year's scholarships. The beauty of this endowment is that it will provide a permanent funding source for our scholarships, and will replace the need for us to scramble to come up with the money each year to fund our scholarships. For our donors, it means that anything they contribute will not be used and expended this year, but will continue to help young people in our community forever. I feel that we are establishing a legacy for our aviation community here in Auburn, and frankly, it's exciting.

We opened the endowment with an initial deposit of \$25,000, and established a fundraising goal of reaching \$35,000 by the end of 2019. I'm proud to be able to say that we have *exceeded* that goal by about \$10,000. One of our most successful fundraising techniques has been the establishment of a Life Membership program, with three different membership levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze. As of the end of 2019, we now have seven Gold Life Members, three Silver Life Members and two Bronze Life Members. Additionally, we have received significant donations from the aviation community, and held a silent auction at our monthly meeting in December. That auction brought in over \$800.

Aside from providing the initial funding to our endowment, we also awarded two \$2,500 flight scholarships in 2019, participated in the EAA's three day Ford Trimotor event at Auburn Airport and maintained an on-going mentoring relationship with some of our youth and young adults. That mentoring included offering an evening course providing an overview of aviation careers and training in job interview techniques. We have partnered with our local EAA Chapter this year to coordinate some of our activities in the belief that, in terms of encouraging our youth, we are both working in the same direction.

What does the future hold for the Auburn Aviation Association? Of course we want to continue to build our endowment to the point that it can perpetually fund at least two flight scholarships a year. We hope to do that through the support of the aviation community by way of donations of money and hard assets. We can accept hangars, aircraft, hangar space, just about anything you can think of. The encouragement that we've received so far is very promising, and we hope to earn your continued support.

We've prepared this report to illustrate how your hard earned money is being put to good use. Our mentoring programs are working and our Scholarship recipients are pursuing their dream of flight. On behalf of our scholarship recipients and the members of Auburn Aviation Association.

Thank you,

Doug Fee

AAA President 2019



Launching The Next Generation



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Where Are They Now?

Take a look at our recent scholarship recipients. These young adults represent the values, hopes and dreams of our Community. Meet our Aviation Ambassadors from Auburn California

“Paying It Forward to the Next Generation”



Frank Bell
USNA 2022
Oceanography
Rugby Team
USN Flight School Track
Private Pilot



Christian Watt
CSU Sacramento 2020
MS Mechanical Engineering
CH-53K Flight Test Engineer
Patuxent River NAS
Private Pilot



Brandon Brown
Cal Poly State 2021
Global Politics
CFI-I, Commercial Pilot
Land, Sea, Instrument



Robert Hewitt
William Jessup Univ 2020
Aviation Management
Commercial, Instrument
Single, Multi Engine



James Jacobson
University of ND 2019
Aviation Major
Airline Pilot, ATP, CFI-I
Single, Multi Engine



2nd Lt. Mikaela Sawya
CSU Sacramento 2018
Honor "Cum Laude"
USAF Flight School 2020



Renata Mackenroth
Utah State 2024
Aviation Technology
Collegiate Flight Team
Private Pilot



Jessi Dreschler
California Baptist Univ 2025
Civil Engineering
Missionary Aviation

Scholarship and Mentoring Programs

At Auburn Aviation Association we recognize the value of aviation in our world today. Our members take every opportunity to promote flying activities in the greater Auburn area, especially at the Auburn Airport. Methods include fund raisers, donations, flight scholarships and good old fashioned mentoring.

Aviation is a profession that attracts high quality individuals. They pay attention to detail, have situational awareness, humility, self-confidence, and good communication skills. They must be of high moral character and maintain a desire to learn. Auburn Aviation Association promotes young adults with these traits by supporting them with our scholarship and mentoring programs. They go on to become successful adults and will then pay it forward as well.

“Aviation Career Night” is our annual presentation focused on exposing teens and young adults to aviation. Topics include: the job application, tips for an effective interview, aviation opportunities, and ways to become a successful person. Mentors from various areas of aviation share information about their career field. These professionals include Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Military, Airline, CHP, Placer Co. Sheriff, Corporate Aviation and even Alaska Bush Flying. We also have flight instructors, recently rated pilots and student pilots on hand to discuss their journey through flight training. A one on one discussion with these mentors is invaluable in helping one

learn more about career options in aviation and aerospace.

As a non-profit organization, we educate the next generation of aviators through our aviation scholarship program. Our annual \$2500.00 Col. C.E. “Bud” Anderson Flight Scholarship has helped numerous individuals begin their journey towards a pilot rating. We also offer aviation related grants for advanced education on an individual, by need basis.

Won't you help us?

We invite you to give a gift that will keep on giving by donating tax deductible dollars or estate assets to our endowment fund. Consider purchasing one of our Lifetime Memberships and join us at our monthly dinner meetings. Be a Corporate Sponsor. Your company logo will be placed on our website in recognition of your support. We also offer a legacy plan with an annual scholarship grant in your name. Your bio can be posted on our web page and your life work will be recognized through the annual grant presentation for the eternity of our organization.

You can trust the Auburn Aviation Association to put your hard earned money to work in promoting well deserving young adults in the field of aviation. Give the Gift of Education and Help Their Dreams Take Flight. Join us in “Paying It Forward to the Next Generation!”

Don Wolfe
Scholarship Director



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Auburn Aviation Association Education Endowment Fund

at Placer Community Foundation
Helping Dreams Take Flight



Auburn Aviation Association (AAA), a nonprofit organization, began in 1984 as a small group of pilots and airport enthusiasts dedicated to aviation safety, friendship and community involvement. Now with more than one hundred members, the years since have been a tribute to their foresight and dedication. Today they offer mentor and scholarship programs for youth and young adults interested in the aviation professions. With AAA's commitment to support this work in perpetuity, an endowment fund at Placer Community Foundation has been established.

For decades, the Auburn Aviation Association has had the privilege of helping youth of high moral character and a desire to learn pursue careers in aviation however, fundraising has always been a struggle. With the establishment and ultimately the full funding of the **Auburn Aviation Association Endowment Fund**, support of our aviation-minded youth will continue for years and years to come.

Gifts to this fund are pooled and invested for long-term growth. Earnings are then used to support current and future programs such as the Auburn Aviation Flight Scholarship, the honored **Col. C.E. "Bud" Anderson Scholarship**, as well as other aviation related grants on an individual basis for advanced training.

AAA invites you to become part of their vision by making a tax deductible gift today, or through your estate plan. Your gift will go toward helping quality individuals get a start in a career in aviation. Most of these young adults complete college and go in to the workforce as our ambassadors. They represent the values, hopes and dreams of our community.

Give the Gift of Learning and Help Dreams Take Flight!

Placer Community Foundation (PCF) offers a variety of ways for the community to contribute and grow the **Auburn Aviation Association Education Endowment**.

- Give cash and receive an income tax deduction. Go online at placergives.org or write a check made payable to Placer Community Foundation with AAAEE Fund noted in the memo.
- Give appreciated stock and avoid capital gains tax.
- Give through your will or trust and give more than you thought possible.
- Give through a qualified Individual Retirement Account (IRA)—a simple and cost-effective way to give.

Contact Placer Community Foundation at 530-885-4920 to learn more.



Local resident and famed triple ace of WWII Col. C.E. "Bud" Anderson



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